(b) Total investment in agriculture sector during the Eighth. Plan, both public and private, are proposed at Rs. 148,800 crores at 1091-92 prices.

(c) and (d) Government are confident of achieving the required level of foodgrains production to meet the demand by the turn of the Century. The required level of production will be achieved through a regionally more broad-based pattern of growth, efficient utilisation of the created facilities of irrigation, development of rainfed areas and maintaining a continuous flow of economically viable improved technology and inputs.

Procurement of Liquid Milk by NDDB

537. SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total procurement of Liquid milk by the National Dairy Development (NDDB) in the country State-wise;

(b) what are the quantities of milk and milk products being produced and distributed by NDDB; and

(c) what is the gap between the quantum of milk procured from indigenous sources and the quantity required to maintain the present production level of NDDB and from what sources this gap is met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE. IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The National Dairy Develop, ment Board (NDDB) procures liquid milk only for its unit Mother Dairy, Delhi and on behalf of the Govern ment of West Bengal manages Mother Dairy, Calcutta. The details of the procurement and marketing of milk of these two units during the period April, 92 to February, 93 an as under;—

	Procurement (Thousand Kgs. per day)	Marketing Thousand litres per day
Mother Dairy Delhi	306.91	579.24
Mother Dairy Calcutta	145.73	326.34

(c) The gap between the quantum of milk procured and marketed by the Mother Dairies of Delhi and Calcutta is due to the type of milk being marketed. There is always some level of reconstitution of conserved commodities into liquid milk from indigenous sources.

Commercialisation of Research and Development Activities by ICAR

538. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRI CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Council for Agricultural Research (tCAR) is thinking in terms of com-

mercialisation Of its research, and development activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ICAR has decided to raise funds from open Market to finance its research and development schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme has not been finalised.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

National Calamity Relief Fond

539. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the National Calamity Relief Fund for the States, in view of the rise in the rates of rural wages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Based on the recommendations of the IX Finance Commission, a Calamity Relief Fund (OHF) has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount for undertaking relief operations in the wake of natural calamities. An amount of Rs. 804.00 crores been allocated to States in the C.R.F. with Central contribution of Rs. 603.00 crores and States contribution of Rs. 201.00 crores. The X Finance Commission is reviewing the operation of the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure including CRF. The recommendations of the X Finance Commission will come into effect from 1.4.1995.

Wastage of mangoes in Andhra Pradesh

540. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one third of mango producion in Andhra Pradesh a wasted due to lack of storage facilities;

(b) if so, what is the annual amount of loss due to this; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to overcome this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE; MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that one third of Mango production in Andhra Pradesh is wasted due to lack of storage facilities. However, as per State Go_ vernment's estimates only 5 per cent produce is wasted amounting for about Rs. 12 crore.

(c) The State Government has proposed 10 cold storages in the Department of Marketing, out of which 5 are coming up in Vijayawada which is a major mango growing belt in Andhra Pradesh and 5 are proposed at Hyderabad. Besides, National Horticulture Boayd from Government of Ind'a is also implementing a scheme on Post-harvest Management on Fruits under which assistance Is provided for grading/packing Centres, retail outlets, short duration coal stores, transport vehicles and rigid plastic crates which helps in reducing post-harvest losses in fruits including mango.